NATIONAL LEAGUE MANAGERS PREDICT EXCITING CHAMPIONSHIP BATING

HOPE OF DODGERS **RESTS ON SUCCESS OFPITCHINGSTAFF**

National Champions Start With Six Effective Twirlers.

GRIMES REMAINS HOLDOUT

Team Slow on Bases, but Has Shown Power in Attack.

The Brooklyns, in spite of a training clement weather and the failure of vo or three regulars to report for a the South, are ready to answer the gong that will start the National ague race. The bell will ring for the and Wilbert Robinson, the jovial leader of the Flatbush team, hopes to get his eam off on its right foot at Braves

What are the chances of the Dodgers this season? That is a queswhich the Brooklyn rooters are asking themselves on the eve of the opening of the long campaign. Robson always has made it a point to able a formidable array of pitchmany considered the greatest array of carried them to a championship. Will the team repeat this year? Whether men who are on Charlie Ebbets's payroll. In the coming race as in last oar's the greest strength of the Dodgers will be in the pitching department, and it is the most important lepartment of any ball club.

bases and it takes a lot of hits for them to push over three or four runs in one inning. However, they have dangerous batsmen in Wheat, Myers, Koney. Olson, Miller. Krueger and Johnston, and the combination should furnish enough runs for their great pitchers to win with a fair degree of regularity. With a staff of pitchers like the Brookhyns rest in their hands. If as many as four of them can win consistently the team will be up in the race all the way and the championship of the league may be retained. Manmaux, Ruether, Cadore and Smith will be used in their regular turn for the first few weeks of the race.

Hot Weather Pitcher.

Pfeffer may not be catted upon to start many games while the campaign is in its infancy, as he is not an effective spring pitcher. He is at his best in the torrid months of the race and when he is right is one of the bardest in the torrid months of the race and when he is right is one of the bardest in the torrid months of the race and when he is right is one of the bardest in the torrid months of the race and when he is right is one of the bardest in the torrid months of the race and when he is right is one of the bardest in the league to hit. Cadore is a great spring pitcher, and if his does not win more often than he did during the first three months of the 1920.

dore is a great spring pitcher, and if he does not win more often than he did during the first three months of the 1320 race Robinson will be disappointed. Cadore pitched the famous twenty-six inning game in Boston soon after the race opened last year, and the marathon did him more harm than good.

Ruether, the southpaw who was obtained from the Reds for Rube Marquard, will be the team's best left hander. He showed great speed in the exhibition games with the Yankees, and if he retains his "stuff" after the opening gong has been sounded it is a cinch that he will win with consistent regularity. Ruether has set twenty-five victories as his goal this season, and it will not be impossible to reach the high mark if he pays strict attention to business. If his pitching against the Yankees may be taken as a criterion he should realize his ambition. He is enthusiastic over the deal that made him a member of Robbie's pitching staff and he is out to win as many stames as possible for the goed natured manager. Mamaux and Smith are in good shape and ready to go.

In reviewing the pitching staff of the champions Burleigh Ariand Grimes cannot be considered. He is an obstinate holdout and the team is doomed to start the season without his services. Ebbetts has offered the great spitchler a big salary for this season, but the atbetts has offered the great spitballer abig salary for this season, but the attractive offer has been spurned. Grimes will not get what has been spurned. Grimes will not get what has been spurned. Grimes will not get what has been spurned. Grimes accept what has been offered the Brooklyns' chances of repeating will be increased tenfold. The presence of Burield, and Raiph Miller has been filling in at short with Johnny Rawlings, accond base, and Wrightstone, third. Our infield utility material is few and far between.

10 per cent. stronger than it was last year, and the Glants, Firates and other leading contenders for the flag will have a mighty tough time beating them out.

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12 He first was notified of the death of his brother while in the Florida camp and then after getting back from the flag will as leafted was determed that his father was deting the grant learned that his father was deting in the shoule in the first was daying. He got home in time to see his father pass away. His absence from the team has caused a shakeup in the father was deting in a short with Johnny Rawlings, second base, and Wrightstone, third our infield and Raiph Miller has been fill-ing in at short with Johnny Rawlings, second base, and Wrightstone, third our infield utility material is few and far between.

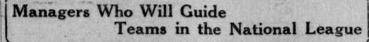
12 Lee Meadows looks like the furthest also ready to use. Hubbell and Smith, formerly of the Glants, have been heid back in their spring work, but should come along later. Cecil Causey, another former Glant, has also been slow in get-ting into shape, but I look for him to come through when the weather warms out. In Mack Wheat, Bruggy, Witherow and Peters we have four husting an

"Cubs Will Make a Strong Fight"-Evers

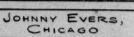
Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK

HICAGO, April 9.—The Chicago club is confronted with a great task. The team is in the process of reorganization and I am not going to make any claims or predictions. All I can say is that the Cubs of 1921 will be on their toes and fighting all the time. They will play the best baseball that is in them

championship aggregation on paper. But we have the material for put-ting on a big upset. A lot may happen in a long race. Men who in the spring do not impress the critic may find themselves in the heat of battle and prove the stars of the year.









GEORGE GIBSON PITTSBURG



Major League Trades

Since Season of 1920

IRISH GAMES AT CELTIC PARK nerican A. C. turned over free of charge the month of April to the Gaelle, Athletic sociation to conduct athletic contests, the second to go to the first Feller fund-ee games scheduler for to-day fower, respectively Clare vs. Cork, Offaly Tipperary and Louth vs. Mayo.







PAT MORAN,



WILLIAM DONOVAN. PHILADELPHIA



BRANCH RICKEY. ST. Louis



WILBERT ROBINSON BROOKLYN

JOHN J. MCGRAW, NEW YORK

McGraw and Robinson Both Rate Their Teams Leading Contenders for Pennant

Manager of the Glants.

A s the opening of the pennant season of the National League approaches, I feel that the Giants tional League app sches, I feel that the Giants are bound to make a good showing. I have been asked repeatedly if I thought that the New Yorks would win the pennant, and I want to say that I would rather wait until Labor Day to answer that question. I am claiming no pennants, but I am sure that in the Giants of 1921 the fans of New York will find a club which they will like to watch, and which will give the old city another contender. I am making no claims, but I am making no surrender to any other

club in the league.

The New York club has had a lot of hard luck this spring, but better now than later. Bancroft will be ready soon, and so will Young. Frisch is recovering ready soon, and so will Young. Frisch is recovering from a sprain of an ankie very rapidly and will be a revelation around second base. The fans will like both Rapp and Brown, newcomers. Rapp is a pepper box around third and will hit, too. Brown is one of the surest "catches" I have ever seen, and I have seen them all. He will hit the ball, too.

Our pitching staff is at least as strong as in 1920. We have strengthened our infield and plugged up a bad hole in centre field. We are ready.

Mickey O'Neil and Hank Gowdy naturally will be carried along.

While there are no Alexanders in the pitching corps, we expect to get work out of Joe Oeschger, Hugh McQuillen, the two Townsend boys, Cooney, the latter a southpaw; Dena Fillingim and John Scott that will be sufficient. Just how well Dick Rudolph will go I don't know. When right I would not want for a better pitcher. He is at his best the brainiest twirler in the game. It is not that he has so much more stuff than the other pitchers as it is that he knows how to pitch.

Manager of the Dodgers.

VITH Grimes back to strengthen the pitching, we shall have fully as good shall have fully as good a chance as last year to win the pennant, and you will remember we won the pennant last year

Grimes? Oh, yes; sure I think he'll be back. We need him. When I speak of our pentiant chances I include Grimes in the calculations. He and the club are not far apart on salary, and I expect him to be

We have a couple of young feilows who'll help us. Bill Lamar is improving. He'll be a better player this year than he's ever been. I'm just getting on to some his curves, meaning I'm beginning to understand him. Other teams are better on the bases than we are but we have pretty fair hitting strength and first class pitching, and those, to my way of thinking, are the

main things needed to win a pennant.

Don't overlook the fact that we have Ruether with us this year. He will win eight more games for us than Marquard did in 1920, and I am not saying anything to knock the Rube, either. Rube always did good work for me, and I had a lot of success with him, but we have a shade with Ruether that we didn't have

team has anything on us, and our chances are as good as anybody else's.

Trade Has Benefited

By GEORGE M'BRIDE, Manager of the Washington Club.

menuel to win the National League pen Macdows or Rins, pitcher.

In sufficient to the international properties of the sufficient to the su Washington club is not

enough to be classed in the running. I have two holdouts in Milton Stock, third baseman, and Jack Smith, outfielder, but I am not worrying about them. My team looks good even in their absence. It will be strengthened, of course, if they come in, but that is up to them. With Stock absent I have moved Hornsby to third and have placed Toporcer, the spectacled recruit, at second. I consider Toporcer a valuable find.

The Cardinals will line up as follows: Senators, Says McBride

The Cardinals will line up as follows on opening day, barring accidents and lilness and providing Stock and Smith continue to absent themselves: Mueller or Mann, rf.; Fournier, lb.; Toporcer. 2b.; Hornsby, 3b.; McHenry, lf.; Lavan, as.; Clemons, c.; Heathcote, cf.; Haines, p.

MORAN ENTHUSES OVER REDS' ROOKIES

Declares Newcomers Will Make Cincinnati Fans Forget Holdout Brigade.

By PAT MORAN.

Manager of the Reds.

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bonds on Monday. At the same time "Buck" Weaver appeared before Chief Justice McDonald with bondsmen, and "Lefty" Williams and Joe Jackson presented bondsmen to Judge John M. Sul-

The evidence on which Zork and Franklin were indicted was one of the prime sensations of the case. Until their alleged connection with the conspiracy was disclosed it was generally believed that a powerful combine of New York gamblers was behind the scheme.

MADDEN AND MAGIN WIN LONG BIKE RACE

CHICAGO, April 9.-Eddle Madden and Jake Magin won the six day bicycle race which ended to-night, scoring 985 race which ended to-night, scoring 985 points and covering 2.182 miles.

Kockler and Hill were second, with 8071½ points, Lorenz and Weber, third, with 6991½, and the Belgian team of Reliens and De Graves automatically

The Dolphin Club is ready to play light semi-pro on opponent's fleid. Will travel. Address S. Reise, 816 Southern Boulevard, The Broax, N. Y. Intervale 1377.

The Iroquels A. A. of Staten Island, light semi-pro baseball team, will book games. Address T. Hurley, 21 Leyden avenue. Mariners Harbor, S. I. Port Mchmond 577.

Outfielder would like to connect with a strong semi-pro team. Past two seasons with Druid Hills of Baltimore and Nationals of Washington. J. H. Hocter, 74 Parkhursy street, Newark, N. J.

The M. W. Kellog Company of Jersey

of Washington. J. H. Hoctor, 14 Parkhurse street, Newark, N. J.

The M. W. Kalloeg Company of Jersey City has organized for baseball team for the corning season. Any strong shop teams wishing games on Saturday attensions can arrange same by writing to F. W. Green, cary M. W. Keilogg Company, 117 Wostelde avenue, Jersey City.

The Flatbush Aragons will open their state season at Burby Oval, Church and Utton avenues on April 30, Address G. W. Callow, 331 East Fifty-second streat, Brooklyn, N. Y. 8749 Flatbush.

Light semi-pro team wishes to book games with teams in and near New York city. Address D. A. Maher, D. West Skryt-third dress; D. A. Maher, D. West Skryt-hird dress;

Says Pirates Will Be Near Top All the Way

By GEORGE GIBSON, Manager of the Pirates.

DITTSBURGH, April 9.-My main worry for some time has been what men to let go, as we have been favored with the best bunch of been favored with the best bunch of rookies I ever saw since breaking mto the game. If what they say about a team being just as strong as its reserves, then the Buccaneers must be counted on as pennant contenders from the start of the race, for we will certainly have a classy lot of youngsters to fall back on when the

youngsters to fall back on when the vets lag in the journey.

I do not mean to boast, but simply give my opinion, that the Pirates will be in the first division all the time, and if spirit and cooperation means anything at the finish I have strong hopes that we will be up around the top at the end of September.

As they stand, with a normal run of thigs assured and injuries barred, how will the clubs in the majors finish That's an interesting question at this time. In the National League the consensus of opinion favors the Clintaes, April 9—The Name, T—1, and the work of the New Yorks. Pitter of the New Yorks and the effectivenesses. Navy. In the National League the consensus of opinion favors the Clintaes, April 9—The Name, T—1, and interesting question at this time. In the National League the consensus of opinion favors the Clintaes, April 9—The Name, T—1, and the New Yorks. Pitter of the New Yorks. Pitter of the New York of the New Yor

Moran outfit is due for a grand "bust up" this season. Many of the Reds are trying to be traded off the club, but their desires are not likely to be met. The holdouts, no doubt, will report, but the spirit of the club is gone and we do not regard it as a contender.

Pittsburgh, with Maranville at short-stop, must be conceded a sood chance, but George Gibson does not appear to have the pitching staff needed to win a pernant, and it must not be forgotten that in the trade which sent Maranville to the Pirates and gave Southworth, Nicholson and Barbare to the Braves Pittsburgh loat a lot of its hitting power—the biggest factor in its showing of -the biggest factor in its showing of 1920. The Pirates have a few men who are not exactly of pennant winning calibre. The Cubs. under Evers, should improve over their showing of last season, but it will take John a couple of Special Description. years to make a contender out of that

In the American League the Yankees look best, with the Clevelands second and the rest apparently nowhere. St. Leuis may finish third.

The Red Sox and Sonators follow in our estimation, with the Tigers. White Sex and Athletics closely bunched at the bottom of the rating table. Cleveland has the best team work—and that is a strong factor in winning a pennant. It also has the confidence born of its winning the flag and the world's series last year. Below the Yanks and the Indians the

American League possesses very little class. For once it seems to suffer by comparison with the National, particu-larly in so far as pitching is concerned. The progress, or otherwise, of the The progress, or otherwise, of the Tigers will be watched with great interest. Ty Cobb has taken the place of Hughey Jennings as manager and there are varying opinions as to Ty's fitness for the job.

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YONKERS HIGH DEFEATED.

Hinnsrown, N. Y., April 9.—Peddie defeated Yonkers High School here this afternoon by the score of 13 to 7. Bunched hits and errors gave the Yonkers boys six run in the third inning,

THOMAS'S PICERS WINS FOR TITLE

Allows Only Four Taking Princeton Beats Vnship by 3 to 1.

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RUTGERS NINE IN FRONT.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERLIN.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., April 9.—
Rutgers opened its baseball season this
afternoon and defeated its ancies
rival, Stevens, in a ten inning garby 5 to 4. Beringhouse, playing
first game for Rutgers and load
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RUTGERS Totals ... 462 105

VICTORY FOR LEHIGH.

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The Allantics have several open dates for home cities desiring a first class attraction, address G. Samuel, 83 Sarataga avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

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